Executive Aroclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Beresford, South Dakota, first known as "Paris" as early as 1873, was founded in 1883 by the Western Town Lot Company (a.k.a. the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad); and,

WHEREAS, Once called the "Garden Spot City of South Dakota," Beresford was named after Lord Charles Beresford, an admiral in the British Navy. With his help and influence, the town had railroad service (and daily mail) by September of 1883; and,

WHEREAS, Back in the days when the speed limit was six miles per hour for horses, Beresford's location was selected because the area it occupied was sufficiently large and flat so that shunted railroad cars could not easily roll down hill; and,

WHEREAS, On July 12, 1884, the town was incorporated, and by 1901, Beresford had its first City Telephone Exchange; and,

WHEREAS, There have been some very challenging times throughout the first century for this Union County community. There have been droughts, grasshopper devastation, severe wind storms, disastrous fires, as well as the usual drudgery and hardship of the early pioneer experience; and.

WHEREAS, Through it all, Beresford has persevered, and today it is a friendly town that always extends a warm welcome to friends and strangers alike; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, the people of Beresford are proudly celebrating their first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, 1, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1984, as

BERESFORD CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JAMKLOW, GOVERNOR

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